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January 9, 2025



Mayor Michelle Wu on Instagram announcing the White Stadium lease.

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## White Stadium Lease Signed

Richard Heath  
Staff Reporter

Thirty-six hours before Christmas Eve, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu issued a 10-page press release announcing the long-awaited lease between the city and Boston Unity Sports Partners (BUSP) for the redevelopment of White Stadium.

At a Monday morning Dec. 23 Zoom call with selected supporters and media, the mayor was quoted by MSNBC as saying she “did not want to wait until after the holidays to announce the news.”

Later on Monday, the mayor’s press office, at the request of The Bulletin, sent a link to the 77-page lease agreement with a companion 29-page stadium-use agreement. According to the on-line Globe that afternoon “the two parties will share a slated \$182 million plus renovation of the crumbling 75-year-old Franklin Park venue.

“Demolition and construction are expected to begin next month which leaves a tight timeline for Bos Nation [soccer team to] start for the National Women’s Soccer League season in March 2026.”

Millor, sent out an enthusiastic message signed “with gratitude and excitement.

“As the holiday season begins we are delighted to announce an historic milestone this morning: the signing of a ground-breaking lease agreement which solidifies the commitment made during the community engagement process ... shaping this vision for this transformative project.

“In consultation with the Parks Department pre-construction activities are scheduled to commence at the start of the new year.”

However, the Mayor



A look at the proposal for the stadium from the south, not including expected new tree planting. BOSTON UNITY SOCCER PARTNERS

The Bulletin heard about it by a tip that morning from one of the Franklin Park Defenders.

At noon on Dec. 23, Wu went on Instagram, and with background clips from the staged July 19 party-in-the stadium event playing, wrote “after intensive community input, we’re announcing that our White Stadium lease agreement has been signed.

“Thanks to you we will welcome our own women’s soccer team... and continue the legacy of Elma Lewis.”

The news was not out long before The Bulletin email inbox lit up. At 1 p.m. a long critique from the Franklin Park Defenders was issued stating “the agreement would destroy acres of public parkland and 145 trees.” This was followed by a 4 p.m. press release from the Franklin Park Coalition congratulating Mayor Wu for “showing leadership. Today marks a high point.”

At 5 p.m. The White Stadium Team, operating out of the office of Community Engagement Chief Brianna

seemed bothered by a Dec. 26 Globe piece written by Shirley Leung – already on record as being skeptical of the city – that was highly critical - BUSP White Stadium lease - “critics cry foul.”

Wu went on Bluesky to protest that same day. “Have to call out this whiff by [Shirley Leung]. Are we so deep in cynicism to ignore real facts?”

Wu was still upset on Saturday Dec. 28 and went back on Bluesky at 10 a.m. “It was

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The Beacon Park Yards back in its heyday managing freight lines. The area will be completely redeveloped in the coming decade.

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## ACA keeping an eye on Beacon Park Yards

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

The Allston Civic Association (ACA) met recently and discussed the neighborhood reaction to a recent proposal for the Beacon Park Yards.

The Beacon Park Yards, which currently has a huge number of rail cars sitting in it, is slated to be cleared and redeveloped for the neighborhood, fully stocked with a new commuter rail stop by Lower Allston (adjacent to the Boston University Football Fields) and a bus hub. This just a part of the Allston Multimodal Project, which will also move the trajectory of Route 90/the Mass Pike opening up

ACA

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## Road Diet and River St. Bridge big topics at SWBCA

Dilani Yogaratnam  
Staff Reporter

The Southwest Boston Community Association (SWBCA) met in a joint meeting with a contingent of the West Roxbury Civic Association (WRCIA) on Tuesday, Jan. 7 in a virtual setting with a host of elected officials and city staff.

About 50 people were on the call, with topics ranging from the River Street Bridge Reopening to one resident, whose moniker went by Kathy only, who brought up numerous issues she had with the Centre Street Road Diet in West Roxbury. The SWBCA traditionally covers Hyde Park and Roslindale, but the joint meeting with the WRCIA brought in offi-

cials from West Roxbury as well.

In 2019, Marilyn Wentworth was struck and killed on Centre Street, prompting the city to start looking into safety improvements on the road. While Wentworth’s death was attributed to sun glare on the east/west section of the road, several other pedestrian strikes on the road prompted the city to repaint and reorganize Centre Street in what is called a road diet to slow down traffic.

In 2023, the road diet changes were made, the street going from four lanes to three by making the center lane a turning lane. The resulting leftover space allowed for the creation of bike lanes. Opposition to the diet was heavy, and

SWBCA

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court

Docket No. SU24C0696CA

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court

Date: January 03, 2024  
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate

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To the Public Safety Commission  
Committee on Licenses  
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Boston, MA

January 3, 2025

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suggested that we tried to news dump White Stadium lease 12/ 23 when really had been working every day & night to resolve final issues and shared as soon as done. City works all through the year.”

The Dec. 23 lease was signed by Mary Skipper, BPS superintendent, Liza Meyer, acting park commissioner, and Jennifer Epstein, controlling manager of Boston Unity Stadium LLC. The lease explicitly states that BPS is the landlord and Boston Unity Stadium is tenant. Mary Skipper and Mayor Michele Wu as landlord and Jennifer Epstein as tenant.

The lease includes detailed diagrams showing in particular the “city retained area... city exclusive area” of the east grandstand labeled “student athletic hub.”

Some more of the details:

Rent: BUSP will be responsible for financial payments to the city. \$200,000 annualized first season payment prorated for the number of months the field will be operational. \$400,000 annualized rent in

monthly payments starting the second season and escalating 3 percent each year afterwards.

Revenue sharing: Ten percent of in-stadium advertising revenues (except field naming rights), 10 percent of field naming rights revenue, 3 percent of concession revenue.

The city reserves the right to pursue additional sponsorships exclusive to the city’s area.

Operations and Maintenance Reserve Fund: Each quarter 40 percent of in-stadium advertising revenues (except field naming rights revenue), 15 percent of field naming rights revenues, and a 5 percent of concession revenues will be deposited into an O+ M Reserve Fund for such cost.

Financial safeguards against potential project risks: Prior to demolition, BUSP will fund a \$25 million Construction Escrow Account restricted exclusively to fund direct construction costs on the site. Requires city approval of expenditures.

BUSP is subject to a \$45 million pre-financing guarantee including escrow funds such that if BUSP fails to secure project financing and cannot advance the renovation the city will have significant extra resources to renovate White Stadium on its own.

Transportation plans: stadium usage by the public, community benefits, liquor license and stadium naming rights (exclusive of George Robert White Fund Stadium)

are all detailed at length in the lease.

A two-page list of 27 “assets and responsibilities” of the east and west grandstands is also in the lease; “Who gets to use it.” “Who maintains it.”

For example the city will construct the two-acre grass field and the eight-lane track and BUSP will maintain them.

The press release is replete with eleven endorsements most from city employees, including Liza Meyer, acting park commissioner, Segun Idowu chief of economic inclusion, Avery Esdaile, senior director of athletics BPS, Dion Irish, chief of operations, coach Cleo Woodward, BLS girls soccer and head coach Hatim Jean Louis of BPS cross country.

In another Dec. 28 Bluesky rebuttal post Mayor Wu wrote, “We’ve listened to those who know Franklin Park best the Franklin Park Coalition [who] guided us with their feedback.”

Ricky Thompson, president of the Franklin Park Coalition, is quoted in the press release with his endorsement. “The FPC believes a renovated and well maintained White Stadium will be an asset to Franklin Park, community members and Boston’s athletes. Thank you Mayor Wu for your courage in making this project a reality.”

Buried in the lease is this caveat: “Time is of the essence of this agreement. All parties shall diligently and punctually perform all objectives applicable to them.”

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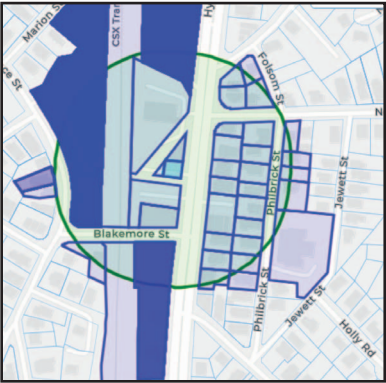
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# Diabolo is highlight of Chinese Cultural arts and crafts show

Dilani Yogaratnam  
Staff Reporter

For most people around here, Chintatown in Boston is their Chinese experience. On First Night Boston, the Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association (GBCCA) sought to expand that image by introducing age-old traditions and charms through a hands-on arts and crafts exhibition held in City Hall. Calligraphy, silk macrame dolls and snow flake art were some of the highlights, but what caught audience and media attention was the diabolo performance.

Diabolo is an athletic art form where the performers toss up a bobbin-like object and catch it with two sticks attached with string, which is like a large yo-yo, according to Jason Wang, the 23-year-old director of the performance group. Impressing the crowd with their tricks and coordinated dance moves, the artists showed delicate grace and then energetic acrobatic moves. Many kids simply sat on the floor in awe as the performers tossed up the double cup object and caught it using their strings. The dynamic and nimble members of the diabolo troupe gave viewers a thrill while sharing some of their culture. Wang said that while diabolo was popularized in China it is now catching on in Europe and the US and there are even competitions for it.

The main arts and crafts event took place down the stairs from the diabolo performance



Volunteers from the Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association shared their art with First Night patrons last week.

PHOTO BY DILANI YOGARATNAM

with a horseshoe-shaped collection of tables featuring artists showcasing their crafts. Much like in the movies when a character is in a foreign nation at a bazaar weaving in and out of crowds, taking in the exotic sights, First Night goers had the chance to escape to an organized type of chaos before the new year – and their potential resolutions – began.

China cycles through 12 animals in its calendar and 2025 is the year of the snake. People born in the snake year are known to be intelligent, wise and strategic. Hongyan Gao, a GCAA volunteer, asked each eager child what color they wanted and handed them a cut-out of a snake for them to

decorate. Comfortably seated against the wall, slightly away from the madness, best friends Teegan and Grace of Milton sat and drew on their respective snakes with markers, while the two admitted it was their moms who encouraged them to go.

Despite the crowd density, the spirit in the air was one of fascination. May Chang demonstrated the art of making little figurines of beads and other materials for children to attach to their phones. Seated next to Chang was Lorraine Tsar, who laughed and said that these fig-

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court  
Date: December 19, 2024  
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

Boston Bulletin: 01/09/2025



# Gloucester’s Eastern Point: a place to think

In the “Sound of Music” we hear Julie Andrews, portraying Maria Von Trapp, sing about her favorite things—and quite a litany it is. And at this time of year children talk about their favorite places, such as Disney, Fenway Park, Ron’s Ice Cream, Grandma’s attic, etc. Well, I’ve got my favorite places, too, one of which is the seashore, either the Outer Banks at Cape Hatteras or the Outer Cape at the Cape Cod National Seashore. But there is a third ocean-based locale that stirs my wants and it is the Jesuits’ Gonzaga Retreat House at Eastern Point in Gloucester, MA, formerly a large mansion on an expansive tract of land.

Situated on a promontory overlooking the sometimes tranquil but otherwise raging North Atlantic, this holy space offers retreatants acres of rocky precipices, forested land, and a nearby deserted cove to ponder their lives and things eschatological; it also allows me to pose the late Kris Kristofferson’s musical question, “Why me, Lord, what have I ever done to deserve even one of the pleasures I’ve known . . .?”

In the autumn of my life now—really the winter —, I was first welcomed here as a BC High student in November of 1961 (seniors had to make the overnight retreat) but I really didn’t appreciate the overriding silence until I started going there as part of a parish retreat maybe a decade ago. For 40 hours the silence prevails—even though we might know our fellow retreatants—from after supper on Friday evening



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to lunch at noontime on Sunday. Of course, one is free to “break the silence” by participating in common prayer services, by conversing with one of the retreat leaders, or by wandering to a remote section to quietly use a cell phone. And if this is ever too confining, one can just drive into downtown Gloucester and drain a Pabst at the Crow’s Nest, the iconic bar featured in Sebastian Younger’s book/movie “The Perfect Storm.”

The food is fine; the coffee pot always on; the fruit and cookie bowls always available; the living conditions spartan but suitable. A large group of people from St. Cecilia’s Church in the Back Bay also spent a weekend there two months ago: just speak to one of them to attest to the previous description.

Sometimes at Eastern Point the winds are howling and the surf thundering, but it is really the silence that is so welcoming and thought-provoking.

## IN SUPPORT OF ROSLINDALE SQUARES + STREETS

To the Editor:

We write in response to the Bulletin article of January 2 on the City of Boston zoning reform plan called Squares + Streets. We are a collaborative group of Roslindale residents and business owners - some with housing and development expertise, some without - who recognize that there is an urgent need to add more housing in the city in addition to facilitating the growth of local businesses.

We all are fortunate to live in an urban area that has a strong and remarkably resilient economy. But that economy is threatened by the very high and increasing housing costs that are the result of decades of underbuilding. The urgency of this situation was underscored by a recent report that 25% of renters in our city spend more than half of their income for housing while 46% spend more than 30% on housing. The affordability problem affects prospective homeowners as well, with the average price of a single family home in the greater Boston area reaching nearly \$900,000.

The primary reason for this problem has been archaic and overly restrictive zoning and land use codes. The state legislature and city governments across the region have been trying to address this long-standing crisis through various reform initiatives from the state MBTA Communities legislation to Boston’s Squares+Streets, Chapter 40B’s “Anti-Snob Zoning,” and a host of initiatives in between. The name of the city’s program is apt - “Squares” referring to the business clusters such as “Roslindale Square,” and “Streets” referring to the blocks of main streets with businesses that extend away from those squares. As can be seen in Roslindale Square, today most of these areas consist of legacy one-story buildings that readily could be built up to include housing on upper stories with office, commercial, or other non-residential space on the street or second level. Under current zoning, expanding and redeveloping such properties is prohibited except through a lengthy, expensive, and uncertain zoning relief process. Squares + Streets is accordingly and mainly a long-overdue effort to make such changes possible through as-of-right development.

It is important to note that such reform does not mean that new buildings will necessarily be constructed or existing buildings redeveloped; as a society

we have chosen, for the most part, to let the private and non-profit sectors undertake the actual construction and redevelopment. But all things being equal, it is necessary in any case to reduce the regulatory barriers that have led to the current housing shortage.

It is in this context that we wish to rebut any claim that passage of the S&S initiative will lead immediately or even eventually to displacement of businesses and therefore should not be enacted until anti-displacement guarantees are provided. Such a requirement would put city government in the position of telling a private property owner what they can or cannot do - and thereby continue to complicate new housing development with even more barriers. More fundamentally, such an approach flies in the face of reality - small businesses open, move, and close in response to a variety of conditions, an important factor of which is foot traffic in urban areas. More housing brings more customers for businesses. The city can - and does - provide many types of assistance to small businesses and is readying a series of additional non-zoning small business protection measures that are to be released and adopted this spring. Zoning reforms are desperately needed to mitigate the housing cost crisis right now. We urge the City of Boston - after the extensive public outreach and informational efforts that have occurred over the past year - to move urgently with enacting the Squares + Streets initiative in Roslindale Square. Finally, we want to express our appreciation and support of our elected officials and city planning staff who have worked so diligently to move this reform forward. We look forward to its final consideration, adoption, and implementation.

Alan Wright

On behalf of the working  
group WalkUP Roslindale/  
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## RE ROS. SQUARES & STREETS

To the Editor:

The Roslindale Squares & Streets “Draft Small Area Plan” was released by the Boston Planning Department (formerly BPDA) on Friday, Dec. 13 with little fanfare, just as the holiday season began. This release date also marked the start of the 45-day period allotted for public comment on the contents of the “Plan” (133 pages long with another 172 pages of Appendices). The Planners’ public pre-

sentation of the Small Area Map was originally scheduled on Wednesday, Dec. 18 but was rescheduled to Thursday, Jan. 8 in deference to the distractions and celebrations of the holidays.

The 45-day public comment period for the Small Area Plan must be rescheduled to begin on January 8, the date of the Planner’s public presentation.

This is a reasonable and entirely necessary demand. Despite the Planners’ myriad and valiant efforts to engage the Roslindale community in Squares + Streets since last February, many in the community remain either entirely unaware of the initiative and/or only vaguely aware of its potential impact. Finalization of the Roslindale Small Area Plan without fulsome community approval is unacceptable - the Planners themselves report that their numerous community meetings (pop-ups, walk-arounds, Spanish-language only sessions, etc.) over the past 10 months or more have not achieved any significant level of participation.

Given the importance of the Squares + Streets initiative and its imminent impact on Roslindale Square, its legislated approval must be justified not by the number of City-offered meetings but by the number and diversity of residents who understand and can intelligently comment on what changes the initiative will bring to Roslindale.

The unfolding of the Squares + Streets initiative, begun roughly one year ago, touches on a number of Boston’s civic issues. Foremost among them, perhaps, is the need for more housing. The crisis of housing, however, must not take precedence over other pressing issues related to Squares + Streets which the City must face as it contemplates once-in-a-generation urban development. These issues include robust and equitable citizen participation, fairness, affordability, stability, residential density, climate mitigation, and preservation of the character of Boston’s unique neighborhoods (to name a few).

The S+S rezoning initiative can be viewed as a necessary and vital element of Boston’s efforts toward remaining a vibrant and growing city. With eased zoning codes in 17 designated “districts” across Boston (transit-rich, residential neighborhoods with commercially active main streets), Squares + Streets removes costly, regulation-heavy delays to groundbreaking for building construction or renovation, and permits

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ures were often a way to express romantic interest in the old days, and the materials used then were of high quality, like jade, but today cheaper materials suffice and are seen attached to belts and purses.

Adults took a back seat as their children peered at Chau Lai writing Chinese characters for fire, water and mountain. Traditional Chinese script is more like a hieroglyph than an alphabet, and so characters can represent objects and ideas.

Chinese also includes a special set of transliteration characters to write foreign names, and one of the GBCCA artists patiently sat and accepted people’s requests to see their names in Mandarin on green

card stock paper, while others wanted even more than a name and pushed their phones toward the serene artist to clarify their desired expression.

Face painting was a hit for the little girls who sat gleefully while getting their faces designed with glitter and bright colors. At another table Li Chen, who is married to Lai, showed off some snowflakes, which consisted of beads and pipe cleaners. The Chinese “snowflake” looked more like a colorful flower and was presented as a trinket, something to hang from a window and even a toy one could twirl. Compared to all the toys and gadgets one could find at Target, these snowflakes might not

seem impressive but it was the painstaking craftsmanship and attention to detail that impressed. Robert Annette stood back smiling at what he was seeing and admitted that though his niece dragged him to the event he was in awe of the spectacle.

The GBCCA is a 60-year-old, non-profit group that has participated in First Night for several years. They offer so many programs from a choral society, dance troupe to a Chinese language school, making it possible for those born in America to learn more about their roots and get immersed in their culture. They are located in West Newton. For more information, visit gbcca.org.



COURTESY PHOTO

BPD arrests juvenile in armed robbery

Apprehend armed man who fired upon them

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

The Boston Police Department (BPD) and the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office reported recently on two incidents in the West Roxbury and Hyde Park neighborhoods.

The DA reported on New Year’s Eve last week that a 15-year-old boy from West Roxbury was apprehended and held without bail after being charged in Dorchester Juvenile Court with home invasion and armed robbery. The original incident took place in West Roxbury where he and two other males brandished weapons and stole an iPhone and numerous clothing items totaling a few thousand dollars.

DA Kevin Hayden’s office also reported requesting the judge to revoke the juvenile’s bail on two other cases. The court has scheduled the juvenile’s dangerousness hearing for Jan. 10, where the judge will presumably rule on said request.

The DA’s office asserts that on Nov. 17 at around 1 p.m., the three male suspects entered the residence in question on Weld Street in West Roxbury – which the corresponding BPD

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increased residential density while encouraging reduced need for automobile-related mobility.

True inclusion of all current Bostonians in envisioning the City’s progress, however, must be measured as much by current residents’ and merchants’ future security and success as by an increased supply of new residential units and storefronts for newly incoming occupants. On the human side of the Squares + Streets ledger, various City departments report they are “working on” anti-displacement policies and on a “modernized” community participation model as an integral element of Article 80 Zoning revision (still languishing in government chambers). Must the City be in such a rush that it puts precedence on building over occupant?

For all its potential promise, Squares + Streets threatens disaster if it begins before a di-

verse majority of residents of these 17 districts know of and weigh in on the changes coming. Good city government should find the will to legislate transparency, equitable participation, and protections for all Boston’s diverse residents in advance of design and construction (particularly to those most likely to feel the impact of Squares + Streets).

It’s the people living and working in these districts that give Boston its charm as a city of vibrant and unique neighborhoods. Their stability, security and success must be fully embraced before Squares + Streets development begins. It would be sensible and should be an iron-clad requirement that policy around displacement and community involvement be finalized before any Squares + Streets action be allowed to begin.

Short of extending Squares + Streets planning until needed policies are set in place, at the very least the City Planners must allow the Roslindale community 45 days for comment on their Plan beginning on the date of their public presentation - January 8. It is far too little to relinquish to a community that remains largely in the dark about Squares + Streets.

Roslindale needs whatever time can be extended for true education, study, and discussion concerning the “Roslindale Square Draft Small Area Plan”. This is an indisputable requirement for meaningful public comment on a once-in-a-generation urban development project.

Tom Macdonald  
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CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAMESuffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, Ma 02114 (617) 788-8300

In the Matter of: Greta Jankauskaite

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Greta Jankauskaite of Brighton, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Greta J. Khanna**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Suffolk Probate and Family Court** before 10:00 a.m on the return day of 01/30/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court

Date: December 31, 2024  
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate

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The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department

Docket No. SU24C0664CA

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAMESuffolk Probate and Family Court  
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In the matter of: Edwin L. Walda

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Edwin L. Walda of Allston, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Emilia Storrs**

Any person may appear for purposes objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Suffolk Probate and Family Court** before 10:00 a.m on the return day of **01/23/2025**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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The Trial Court  
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DOCKET No. SU24P2784EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of: Gary C. Roach  
Date of Death: 03/31/2023

Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
(617) 788-8300

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Nicole T. Roach of Canton, GA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Nicole T. Roach of Canton, GA** be appointed as **Personal Representative(s)** of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/10/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 30, 2024  
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court Department

Docket No. SU24P2776GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 §

In the matter of: Brandon Spain  
Of: Roslindale, MA

RESPONDENT  
Alleged Incapacitated Person

Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Department of Developmental Serv. of Boston, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that Brandon Spain is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Reverend John Odams of Weymouth, MA** (or some other suitable person) to be appointed as **Guardian** to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court

Date: December 26, 2024  
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court

DOCKET No. BR18P2391GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN

In the Interests of: Sylvia Homsey  
of: West Roxbury, MA

RESPONDENT  
Incapacitated Person/Protected Person

Bristol Probate and Family Court  
Office of Register Suite 240  
40 Broadway  
Taunton, MA 02780

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Elias Awad of Roslindale, MA** in the above captioned matter requesting that the court:

Expand the powers of a Guardian of the Respondent.

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court before: 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 02/07/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to this petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing a written appearance you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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Witness, Hon.Katherine A. Field, First Justice of this Court

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Docket No. SU25P0024GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 §

In the matter of: Elsa Mesias  
Of: West Roxbury, MA

RESPONDENT  
Alleged Incapacitated Person

Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
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To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Parkway Health & Rehabilitation Center of West Roxbury, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that Elsa Mesias is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Jonathan Spirn, Esq. of Waltham, MA** (or some other suitable person) to be appointed as **Guardian** to serve on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court

Date: January 06, 2025  
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The Trial Court  
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SUFFOLK Division  
Docket No. SU25P0025PM

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 §5-405

In the matter of: Elsa Mesias  
Of: West Roxbury, MA

RESPONDENT  
(Person to be Protected/Minor)

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Parkway Health and Rehabilitation Center of West Roxbury, MA** In the above captioned matter alleging that Elsa Mesias is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that **Jonathan Spirn, Esq. of Waltham, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as **Conservator** to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that the protective order or appointment of Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed Conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 02/04/2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court

Date: January 06, 2025  
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several residents are still angry by how much time they say it adds to their commute. Some residents in the chat did say the road diet made them feel safer and they are grateful for this measure.

Kathy, who said she is a resident of Roslindale and relies on traveling on Centre Street, said she feels the affects of the road diet, particularly at 5 p.m. on her way to the gym, is now twice as long a ride due to sitting at green lights and being unable to see an end in sight are just a couple of the issues. She first posed her road diet question in the comment section which was read aloud by zoom meeting host/leader of the SBCA Rev. Beth Columbo. However, when she received an e-mail address as an answer, Kathy later interrupted the meeting to ask the pointed question: is this a meeting where residents can have their voices heard and then proceeded to explain passionately how this “diet” has inconvenienced herself and her husband by increasing their travel time. She felt more parking spaces than the half-dozen or so proposed in the planning were taken out, making it almost impossible to park.

“Many more than seven spots have been taken from Centre Street.” She also emphasized that it took her husband 30 minutes to travel .8 miles from the Lagrange St. end of the road diet to their home in Roslindale. “It’s a disas-

ter. Cars are backed up from Belgrade Ave. near Centre Street; they are backed up onto the rotary. That’s why people are going on side streets. Does anyone know what we go through here?” She also mentioned that sometimes drivers stop in the center lane, supposedly designated to emergency vehicles, and walking across to an eatery to pick up food. “Think of all the safety hazards. This is a mess,” she emphasized.

Kathy said Uber drivers and residents will often take up space parking on the street at the many restaurants along Centre Street, forcing other vehicles to wait for them to finish. “They park their cars in the one lane to get their dinner. This is what we are living with here,” she said. “People don’t have time to be courteous. Sometimes I don’t have time to be courteous and that’s not the way I want to be.”

Brianna Millor, Chief of Neighborhood Services, held her hand to her face and said she felt Kathy’s concerns and mentioned conversations between Mayor Michelle Wu and officials regarding this issue and offered her e-mail to continue the conversation one on one.

Ginny Gass, former president of the Bellevue Hill Association, offered her email to Kathy in the chat section to continue the conversation and said that City Hall does not really care about the in-

conveniences residents face.

One of the more substantive talks from the litany of officials was by Jascha Franklin-Hodge, Chief of Streets, for the City of Boston, who discussed meat-and-potato issues like the 600 speed bumps the city installed in the last year, as well as sidewalk repair work in six neighborhoods, including Hyde Park. The goal is to have speed humps on all neighborhood streets to keep speeds at around 20 miles per hour for safety. He said, for example, they reconstructed 1,300 curb ramps and are trying to make them all ADA compliant.

Also, they are restoring crosswalk markings and “the goal is to eliminate all faded crosswalk markings,” he said, adding that the city will be looking at installing more crosswalks on Washington Street in West Roxbury at some point in the future. He spoke excitedly about moving on to the Cummins Highway Reconstruction Project on the border of Hyde Park and Mattapan. Franklin-Hodge was also happy to report a partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (Mass DOT) on the reopening of

the River Street Bridge.

He said Mayor Michelle Wu sent a signed letter to Amtrak and Sen. Pete Buttigieg, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, from herself and electors from Southwest Boston to allow for more work time on reconstructing the bridge. “That is why it took so long. They were given short work time orders by Amtrak.”

Work times on the bridge were reported mostly at night, and at periods of about two hours at a time.

The bridge was shut down in the fall of 2022 due to inspections by both MassDOT and Amtrak that found catastrophic issues, and the reopening date was set for 2027 (though now that’s up in the air). But many could not wait that long and so it is temporarily open .

The push for the reopening is due to the inconveniences drivers are facing not being able to use the

bridge as well as the deterioration of streets due to congestion.

State Rep. Rob Consalvo said the closing of the bridge had an impact not just on Hyde Park but on the residents of West Roxbury, Roslindale, Dedham and Milton. But mostly it impacted Hyde Park, splitting it off and also making it harder for emergency vehicles to travel, as well as pushing drivers into the side streets. It was his biggest issue in his last two terms and noted that those living near the detours bore the brunt of the closure due to excess traffic. So he said he was thrilled to have the bridge be open for the last two weeks, right before Christmas.

Columbo said at the end of the meeting that the SWBCA will be meeting bimonthly from now on after a hiatus. To get involved and receive notices on future meetings, send Columbo an email at bosemnt1@aol.com



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DEATHS

CAHILL

Mary Ellen, of West Roxbury, passed away December 28, 2024 at the age of 76. Beloved daughter of the late John and Kathleen Cahill, Mary Ellen was born and raised in West Roxbury. She graduated from Boston State College in 1969. She had a long career in child welfare and child support enforcement, at the Mass. Department of Child Welfare, Mass. Department of Revenue and the Middlesex County Probate and Family Court. Mary Ellen (Mimi) leaves to cherish her memory her son Greg (Lana), grandchildren Norah and Aaron, her sisters Patricia (Ken), Eileen (Bill), and Kathy (Bob), her brother Jack (Anne), and her much-loved nieces and nephews Patrick, Kathryn, Luisa, Andrea,

Christopher, David, and Rory. Mary Ellen will be greatly missed by her dear and devoted friends. Mary Ellen loved music of all kinds, traveling, theatre, yoga, and spending time with her friends and family, especially on Cape Cod. She loved dogs and cats, including her cats Kanga, PeeWee and Ernie. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. The Cahill family wishes to express their deep gratitude to the caring staff of both Sophia Snow House and Hebrew Rehabilitation Center in her Roslindale community for their kindness and care during her illness. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to one of the following organizations: Arnold Arboretum, Appalachian Mountain Club, Sophia Snow House or

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DWYER



Janice, of Dedham, formerly of Hyde Park, passed away on January 3, 2025 at age 83. Predeceased by her husband Joseph Dwyer, Parents George & Martha Brooks, Brother George Brooks Jr, Daughter Deborah Guinan, Son Ronald Guinan, Grandchildren Chris Deyesso Jr., William Bradford Page, & Sarah Guinan. Survived by her Sister Phyllis Hunting of Hernando FL, Son Eugene Guinan Jr & wife Robin of Dedham, Michael Guinan & Partner Tia Hubbard of Hernando FL, Daughter Janice (Doll) Guinan & partner Chris Deyesso of Holbrook Ma, Grandchildren Nicole Kuester, Eugene Guinan III, Brittney Bolduc, Helen Epstein, Michael Guinan Jr, Johnathan Guinan, Ronald Guinan Jr & his partner Mary Enrici & 16 great grandchildren & many cousins & friends. Memorial Saturday January 18th from 1:00PM to 3:00PM in The Robert J. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St. West Roxbury, Mass. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Interment private.

LAMBROS



Aphrodite “Ethel” (Kaponikolos), a lifelong resident of West Roxbury, 100 years old, died peacefully at home of natural causes on December 29, 2024. Ethel’s life was a testament to the values instilled in her by her parents, the late Costas (“Charlie”) and Antonia Kaponikolos, who emigrated from a small mountain village in Greece to America in the early 1900s and worked tirelessly 7 days a week to become the owners of the former “Charlie’s Café” on Centre Street, West Roxbury. Ethel never had the opportunity to meet any of her grandparents but, following Greek custom, she was proudly christened “Aphrodite” after her paternal grandmother, but she soon became known to all as “Ethel”. In an effort to assimilate children of immigrants, her kindergarten teacher insisted that Aphrodite be given an easier name to pronounce. Aphrodite’s mother complied assigning her the name “Ethel” after a little girl she had lovingly babysat many years prior. Sunday dinners were a regular and cherished event, a family reunion each week. Everyone was welcome at her table, and she delighted in serving you seconds. Even when Ethel could no longer cook for herself, her question to anyone serving her a meal was an emphatic

“Where’s yours?” Ethel maintained an open-door policy and her home served as a haven for all her children and grandchildren during various stages of their life. There was always a meal and a clean bed for anyone who needed it. Ethel’s favorite role in her senior years was babysitting her now-grown grandchildren. Ethel is survived by her devoted daughter, Evelyn (Lambros) Amrhein of West Roxbury and loving son Christopher Lambros and daughter-in-law Michelle of Glendale, Arizona; “Grandma” to four adored grandsons; Mathieu Chalonec of Ft. Myers, FL; Michael Lambros and his wife Cristina of Bedford, NH; Nicholas Amrhein of West Roxbury, MA; Mark Lambros of Glendale, AZ; and a treasured granddaughter-by-heart, Diana Gadsby of Hopkinton, MA. Ethel is also survived by many extended family members and friends. Ethel further leaves behind her wonderful care companions who brought her comfort and happiness over the last several years. We are grateful beyond measure for their help, kindness and patience. Preceded in death by her first-born daughter Maria (Lambros) Chalonec, as well as many other cherished relatives, friends and neighbors whom she missed dearly, Ethel often expressed her gratitude for living a long and healthy life but commented that if you live long enough, you bury many you love. In Greek when someone passes, we say “Memory Eternal”; a reminder that as long as we remember someone, they will always be with us. Memory Eternal, dear Ethel. May you rest in peace. Funeral from the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St. West Roxbury. Interment in Forest Hills Cemetery. If you are so moved, please consider a gift to Ethos-Meals on Wheels. Arrangements by P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, West Roxbury.

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**Prayer to the Blessed Virgin**  
(Never known to fail!)

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.

—M.D.A.

**WRCIA INVITES POLICE**

The next monthly meeting of the West Roxbury Civic Improvement Association is this Tuesday, January 14, 7:00PM at St Stephen’s Church. Top of the agenda is information from the Area E Boston Police regarding the armed home invasion that recently occurred on Weld Street in West Roxbury, followed by: updates from local politicians regarding abandoned cars on Grove Street and lack of crosswalks along Washington Street; Discussion on amendments to the by-laws; and open forum for questions and concerns from neighborhood residents. All residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

**Miracle Prayer**

Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus, I have asked You for many favours. But I plead for this one. (mention favour). Take it, place it in your open broken Heart. And when the eternal Father sees it, covered with the mantel of his most precious Blood, He cannot refuse it. For then it is your prayer, not mine. Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in thee. Amen.

*Say three times for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted.*

—M.D.A.

**Thank You for Prayers Answered**

Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
St. Jude, St. Joseph,  
St. Anthony,  
St. Peregrine,  
Padre Pio.

—P.D.



# Arrests in WR/HP *continued from page 5*

district journal reported being between Centre Street and the West Roxbury Parkway. The victim allegedly heard them entering and “sought refuge” in the second-floor bedroom. The three followed the victim and one pulled out a black handgun and the others brandished knives. The male with the handgun – who was not identified in the report as the West Roxbury juvenile arraigned last week – allegedly said “Give me all your stuff or I’m gonna shoot you and the dog.” The victim’s dog was apparently in a crate in the living room.

The three males allegedly stripped the victim of their pants, stole their phone and other items including Atlanta Dunks sneakers – valued, according to the DA’s office, at \$200, Lavins sneakers valued at \$600, Alexander McQueen

sneakers valued at \$500, Balenciaga shoes valued at \$1,000 and Jordan sneakers valued at \$120.

The DA’s office reported the BPD undertook an extensive investigation of the incident, collected surveillance video from the area as well as witness descriptions of the three males involved. Investigators are apparently still seeking the other two individuals involved.

“I think anyone pondering this scenario can instantly understand the fear this victim must have felt as he endured this harrowing experience. I’m thankful that neither the victim nor his dog were injured in this incident and I’m grateful for the diligent work of Boston police detectives to identify the juvenile defendant,” Hayden said.

The West Roxbury Civic

Improvement Association will be meeting with police next Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the St. Stephen’s United Methodist Church at 5160 Washington St. and will be discussing this home invasion.

Just off River Street in Hyde Park, the BPD is reporting that around 3:35 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 6, a man armed with a rifle and a shotgun burst into his parents’ home on Hopewell Road off River Street, fired at least one shot at arriving officers and then barricaded himself in the house until officers were able to take him into custody, unharmed, at around 9:10 a.m.

BPD apparently told residents to shelter in place as officers from Hyde Park and the surrounding districts, SWAT officers and a negotiator flooded the area. Residents in neighboring houses were evacuated.

## ACA *continued from page 1*

more room for home ownership housing and development which community members have historically pushed for. Allston has some of the worst homeownership rates in the city hovering around 12 percent (neighboring Brighton is not much better at around 20 percent).

ACA President Tony D’Isidoro said the state is now looking to use at least part of Beacon Park Yards as a layup facility - a place to store trains when not in use. He said the community vehemently opposed that, and it looks like the state and the MBTA heard residents’ concerns.

“We’ve been at this now for 11 years, trying to take advantage of a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to restore and reconnect our community and provide for a regional multi-modal network that would be impactful for years and years to come,” he said. “Earlier this year, the Massachusetts Secretary of Transportation ruled out any chance of having a layup yard in Beacon Park Yards and we were very happy about that, but just recently in a letter regarding Amtrak it seems to have come back on the negotiations.”

D’Isidoro said it was a bit confusing, as Amtrak doesn’t really have any rights to Beacon Park. “The T does have some contractual understandings with Harvard University – not with the City of Boston – as to some possible layup capabilities,” he said. “We are very supportive of east/west rail and building an outstanding world class rail system, and we know because of that there has to be some layup capabilities somewhere along the line. We just simply don’t think that Beacon Park Yards is

the place to do that.”

D’Isidoro pointed out that last year, the MBTA paid \$255 million for the 24-acre Widett Circle next to I-93 and said he felt that was a better location. “And given that the City of Boston owns some property around that, most experts believe that is the perfect location to locate this layup facility,” he said.

D’Isidoro said he met with Governor Healey, heads of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the MBTA and others recently, and said it was made clear that the layup yard would be strongly opposed. “We will know their decision in two or three months,” he said. “They are currently conducting a rail study, which I will show you as soon as we get a copy of it and we are hoping the preferred alternative does not use Beacon Park Yard.”

In other news, the ACA and community members are looking into how they can influence the Boston City Council and the Capital Budgeting process to make sure the Jackson Mann Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF) Community Center replacement project gets funding to move forward as soon as possible.

The Jackson Mann was deemed too old and decrepit to operate as a community center about two or three years ago, but since there has been no other suitable facility, the city is still using it as the only BCYF community center in Allston and Brighton.

“We want to make sure our community is accounted for in that capital budget,” D’Isidoro said.

Charlesview Director Jo-

Ann Barbour said they are starting up a grassroots campaign to show the city what kind of support there is. “We are in the process of putting together a postcard writing campaign, and so stay tuned in terms of when that will happen, probably shortly after the first of the year,” she said. “We want to flood the Mayor’s Office with post cards. I think there will be other people doing petitions and letter-writing campaigns and things like that. We’re going to keep the heat on in terms of the need for a community center in Allston Brighton.”

Barbour added that the community is going to likely start its own fundraising efforts to get the community center pushed through. “So more on that later, but right now we want to keep the heat on with the mayor and BCYF around the need for a new Jackson Mann in Allston Brighton,” she said. “But those post cards will be out there soon.”

D’Isidoro said the turnout at the October City Council hearing on the subject was monumental. “I know for a fact that people at City Hall got the message,” he said. “They were very impressed with the turnout. At times we just got to get off the couch and show we’re not dead, we’re still here and we just give so much to the city and sacrifice an awful lot. We try to accommodate the initiatives the city is pushing, we show up at the meetings and we support as much as we can, and all we’re asking for is some reciprocal considerations for that effort. There is no reason why Allston Brighton should not have a first-class community center.”

For more information on the ACA and to see recorded meetings, go to [allstoncivicassociation.org](http://allstoncivicassociation.org)

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INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. SU24P2781EA  
Suffolk Division

Estate of: Martin A. Cohen  
Also known as: Martin Allen Cohen  
Date of Death: December 07, 2023

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of  
Petitioner Cheryl R. Rubin of South Burlington, VT  
Cheryl A. Rubin of South Burlington, VT  
has been informally appointed as the **Personal Representative** of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court

INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. SU24P2750EA  
Suffolk Division

Estate of: Mary Jane Senior  
Date of Death: October 15, 2024

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of  
Petitioner Neil Senior of Sunapee, NH

a Will has been admitted to probate  
Neil Senior of Sunapee, NH  
has been informally appointed as the **Personal Representative** of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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DOCKET No. SU21P2037GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF  
PETITION TO EXPAND THE  
POWERS OF A GUARDIAN

RESPONDENT  
Incapacitated Person/Protected  
Person

In the Interests of: Walter Thorpe  
of: Boston, MA

Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114

To the named Respondent and all other  
interested persons, a petition has been  
filed by  
Evelyn Thorpe of Roxbury, MA  
Tiffany Philyaw of Beaverton, OR  
in the above captioned matter  
requesting that the court:  
Expand the powers of a Guardian of  
the Respondent.

The petition asks the court to make a  
determination that the powers of the  
Guardian and/or Conservator should  
be expanded, modified, or limited since  
the time of appointment. The original  
petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this  
proceeding. If you wish to do so, you  
or your attorney must file a written  
appearance at this court before: 10:00  
A.M. on the return date of 01/16/2025.  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a  
deadline date by which you have to  
file the written appearance if you  
object to this petition. If you fail to  
file the written appearance by the  
return date, action may be taken in this  
matter without further notice to you. In  
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you or your attorney must file a written  
affidavit stating the specific facts and  
grounds of your objection within 30  
days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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above-named person’s right to make  
decisions about personal affairs or  
financial affairs or both. The above-  
named person has the right to ask  
for a lawyer. Anyone may make this  
request on behalf of the above-named  
person. If the above-named person  
cannot afford a lawyer, one may be  
appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First  
Justice of this Court  
Date: December 19, 2024  
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.,  
Register of Probate

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01/09/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court

DOCKET No. SU24P1240EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:  
Willie Arnold McKinney, Jr.  
Also known as:  
Willie McKinney, Jr.;  
Willie O. McKinney, Jr.  
Date of Death: 04/30/2024

Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
(617) 788-8300

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for S/A Formal Probate of  
Will with Appointment of Personal  
Representative has been filed by:  
Shurell E. McKinney of  
Dorchester, MA  
requesting that the Court enter a  
formal Decree and Order and for such  
other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:  
Shurell E. McKinney of Boston, MA  
and John Allen Garrison of  
be appointed as **Personal  
Representative(s)** of said estate to  
serve on the bond in **unsupervised  
administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy  
of the Petition from the Petitioner  
or at the Court. You have a right  
to object to this proceeding. To do  
so, you or your attorney must file a  
written appearance and objection  
at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on  
the return day of 02/11/2025. This is  
NOT a hearing date, but a deadline  
by which you must file a written  
appearance and objection if you  
object to this proceeding. If you fail to  
file a timely written appearance and  
objection followed by an affidavit of  
objections within thirty (30) days of  
the return day, action may be taken  
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PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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under the MUPC in an unsupervised  
administration is not required to file  
an inventory or annual accounts with  
the Court. Persons interested in the  
estate are entitled to notice regarding  
the administration directly from the  
Personal Representative and may  
petition the Court in any matter  
relating to the estate, including the  
distribution of assets and expenses of  
administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: December 31, 2024  
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.,  
Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Department

DOCKET No. SU25P0023GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF  
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT  
OF GUARDIAN FOR  
INCAPACITATED PERSON  
PURSUANT TO  
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 §

In the matter of: Justin Quiros  
Of: Brighton, MA

RESPONDENT  
Alleged Incapacitated Person

Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114

To The named Respondent and all  
other interested persons, a petition has  
been filed by  
St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center of  
Brighton, MA  
in the above captioned matter alleging  
that Justin Quiros is in need of a  
Guardian and requesting that  
(or some other suitable person) to  
be appointed as **Guardian** to serve  
**Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine  
that the Respondent is incapacitated,  
that the appointment of a Guardian  
is necessary, and that the proposed  
Guardian is appropriate. The petition is  
on file with this court and may contain  
a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to  
this proceeding. If you wish to do  
so, you or your attorney must file a  
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before 10:00AM. on the return date of  
02/10/2025. This day is NOT a hearing  
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you object to the petition. If you fail  
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return date, action may be taken in this  
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grounds of your objection within 30  
days after the return date.

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named person has the right to ask  
for a lawyer. Anyone may make this  
request on behalf of the above-named  
person. If the above-named person  
cannot afford a lawyer, one may be  
appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,  
First Justice of this Court  
Date: January 06, 2025  
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.,  
Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Department

DOCKET No. SU24P1944GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF  
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT  
OF GUARDIAN FOR  
INCAPACITATED PERSON  
PURSUANT TO  
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

In the matter of:  
Nya Suad Thrash-Shamseddine  
Of: Boston, MA

RESPONDENT  
Alleged Incapacitated Person

Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114

To the named Respondent and all other  
interested persons, a petition has been  
filed by  
Patricia A. Thrash of Boston, MA  
in the above captioned matter alleging  
that Nya Suad Thrash-Shamseddine is  
in need of a Guardian and requesting  
that  
Patricia A. Thrash of Boston, MA  
(or some other suitable person) be  
appointed as **Guardian** to serve  
**Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine  
that the Respondent is incapacitated,  
that the appointment of Guardian  
is necessary, and that the proposed  
Guardian is appropriate. The petition is  
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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,  
First Justice of this Court  
Date: December 30, 2024  
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.,  
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court

DOCKET No. SU24P2785EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
(617) 788-8300

Estate of: Tanya M. Ram  
Also known as: Tanya M. Sinkler  
Date of Death: 08/23/2024

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate of  
Will with Appointment of Personal  
Representative has been filed by:  
Desiree Graves Cohen of  
Roslindale, MA  
requesting that the Court enter a  
formal Decree and Order and for such  
other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:  
Desiree Graves Cohen of  
Roslindale, MA  
be appointed as **Personal  
Representative(s)** of said estate to  
serve **Without Surety** on the bond in  
**unsupervised administration**.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,  
First Justice of this Court  
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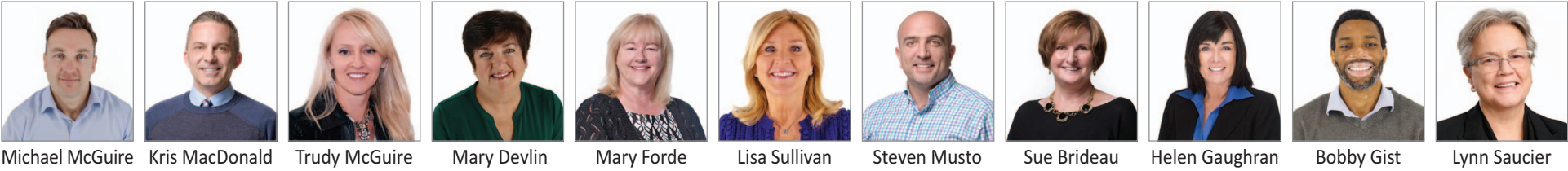
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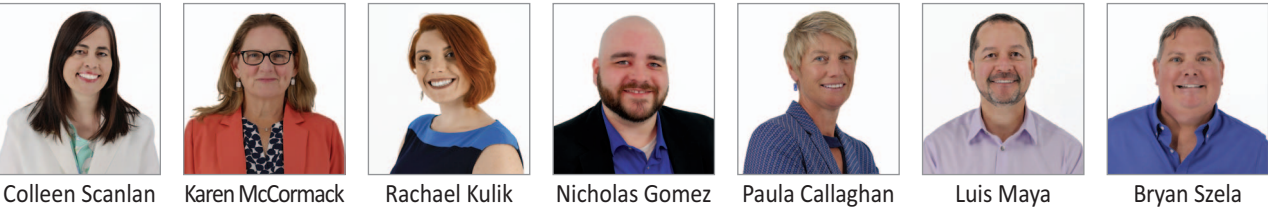
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